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40. (Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a sealant is applied only to the margin of the glass and the margin of the plastic after the microwave radiation has annealed [affixed] the glass and the plastic together, whereby the center of the glass and the center of the plastic remain devoid of sealant.

Please add claims 45-49 as follows:

45. A method of making a glass and plastic composite comprising:

forming a glass having a center and a margin to a particular shape;

forming a plastic having a margin and a center to a shape essentially adapted to receive the shaped of the glass;

applying sealant only to the margin of the glass and the margin of the plastic, whereby the center of the glass and center to the plastic are devoid of the sealant; and

applying microwave radiation for a time effective to enhance the reaction kinetics of the sealant and optically contact the formed plastic to the formed glass.

46. The method of claim 45 wherein the sealant is capable of being cured by exposure to air.

47. The method of claim 45 wherein the microwave radiation is applied for between about 0.01 minutes to 100 minutes.

48. The method of claim 45 wherein the microwave radiation is applied at between about 10 watts to 100,000 watts and at a frequency of about between 3 Ghz to 3000 Ghz.

49. The method of claim 45 wherein the margin of the plastic is formed with a notch adapted to interlockingly receive the margin of the glass.

REMARKS

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests that reexamination and reconsideration of the application be made in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTION 35 USC §112

Claims 15, 17-19, 21-22, 36-37, and 40-44 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the claimed